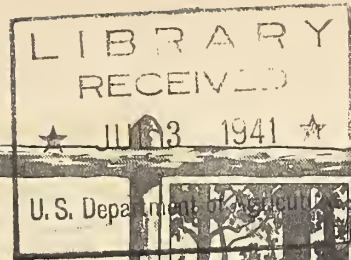


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NOTES ON THE FIRE CONTROL CONFERENCE

The second Southern States Cooperative Fire Control Conference was held at Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo, Mississippi, May 26 to 29, 1941. All States in Region 8 were represented with the exception of Georgia, and members of the Regional Office, the Mississippi National Forest, the Southern Forest Experiment Station, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Division of State and Private Forestry of the Washington Office were also present.

During the four day meeting mutual problems in educational work, fire prevention, law enforcement, fire plans, personnel training, inspection procedure, and equipment operation and maintenance were the principal subjects discussed. A discussion of a method of damage appraisal by Bickford of the Southern Forest Experiment Station was one of the highlights. Assistant State Forester Peterson of Tennessee started perhaps the most interesting discussion with his remarks on "Adequate Fire Control". Talks by Vogenberger and Savage of the TVA on educational work and visibility mapping also contributed much to the program. In fact, there was no "let-down" in interest from the first minute to the last and the discussions from the floor were all indicative of the high caliber of constructive thinking and planning that directs the cooperative fire control effort in Region 8.

Mr. Harp of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Jackson, Mississippi, discussed telephone line maintenance and trouble shooting. Bombarded with a barrage of technical

questions from the floor, he came through with a fund of detailed information that every fire control officer will use in his own communication problems. Tennessee's new fire film and fish and game film provided entertainment and instruction for one night session. As a demonstration in fire law court procedure, Bud Holliday was arrested, tried, and acquitted of firing the woods. In spite of the preponderance of circumstantial evidence presented by Prosecuting Attorney Risch, Defense Attorney Peterson so skillfully handled his case that Judge Brashier reluctantly released the defendant upon a unanimous verdict of "not guilty" from the jury.

At the final banquet on Thursday night, State Forester Merrill, acting as toastmaster, called on State Forester Hazard who discussed the needs for better management as well as fire control. Alfred Hastings, Assistant Chief of the Division of State and Private Forestry in the Washington Office, made the principal address, choosing the subject "Various Aspects For Future Fire Control Programs".

Minutes of the meeting were recorded by Misses Cannon and Ruble of the Mississippi Forest and Park Service, and these will be compiled into a complete record to be mimeographed and distributed to the States by the Mississippi Forest and Park Service. Assistant State Foresters Blakeney, Lary, and Peterson were selected as a committee for the 1942 meeting, and action was taken selecting the North Carolina or South Carolina mountains as the tentative location for next year.

The attractive surroundings and comfortable quarters at Tishomingo State Park and the excellent cuisine provided by the operators, Mr. and Mrs. Gross, added much to the success of the conference.

- - H. M. Sears,
Regional Office

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I WENT WEST

And so I went West -- for the first time -- and the editor has asked me to give some impressions of the trip for the DIXIE RANGER.

The beauty, the majesty, and the glory of an entirely different part of this great country I leave to the poets and other distinguished writers who, like John Muir, have put it

in song and story -- and even they cannot give one the feel of it all. It has to be seen and interpreted in terms of one's own experience and need, without any thought of comparison with our eastern section, so different in almost every way.

The impression I would like to emphasize in this brief note is that made on a member of the Forest Service, traveling alone. At none of the Forest Service offices nor at the Los Angeles meeting of the American Forestry Association was I a stranger, or even a welcome visitor, as a member of the Service I simply belonged, and I was continually amazed and profoundly grateful for the number of delightful plans carried out for my interest and pleasure. There were trips unto wonderlands entirely outside the usual tourists' routes, with time enough to let the beauty sink in, meals at the most charming places, and above all the joy of discovering interesting new friends.

One of the highlights of the Association meeting was a visit to the San Dimas Experimental Forest, lying like a giant relief map, with views of weirs and dams entirely unobstructed by trees, and with Service men in uniform ready to explain and interpret the experimental work.

As my particular interest is in libraries, I went to those of Region Five in San Francisco, the California Experiment Station in Berkeley, the Pacific Northwest Station in Portland, and the Lake States Station in St. Paul. The effective work done in these libraries and the fine spirit of the librarians will always be an inspiration to the librarian from the East.

I certainly hope for another vacation in the West. Perhaps, however, I should be like the person beside me who, as we crossed the Canadian Rockies, exclaimed wistfully, "How I wish I were seeing all this for the first time!"

-- Josephine Laxton,
Appalachian Forest Experiment
Station

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WITH FOREST FIRES RAGING

The trades journal BROADCASTING of April 28 used the following story to stress the important part which radio plays in forest fires as well as in other emergencies.

"Practical demonstrations of how radio functions in a public emergency was given on two fronts in recent weeks. On April 21, when forest fires were raging throughout New England, Lieut. Gov. Horace Cahill of Massachusetts delivered an urgent safety message to the people of his State warning against the

dangers threatened. Transcriptions of the broadcast were made and serviced to all stations in Boston and broadcast repeatedly for several hours. By carrying the message over the Colonial Network, the people of the six New England States were warned of the fire hazard. The other demonstration took place over KGFW, Kearney, Neb. Functioning as the directing force and the only means of communication with stranded motorists, and between towns where telephone lines were down, the station helped save countless lives when an unprecedented blizzard ranged April 19 through Central and Western Nebraska."

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INSECT DAMAGE TO TIMBER

In view of the prolonged drought in the Southeast and its possible effect on insect damage to timber, and because of the numerous requests received for information on this subject, the Division of State and Private Forestry wishes to make available to the field the information contained in the following recent letter from Associate Entomologist B. H. Wilford to W. J. Bridges, Jr., of the Southern Kraft Corporation.

"We have found no direct relationship between summer logging and outbreaks of either Ips engraver beetles or the southern pine beetle.

"Both of these beetles are attracted to cutting operations. Ips sometimes build up in large numbers in slash and, following a sudden cessation of cutting, attack and kill a few healthy trees. However, the resulting brood usually does not develop, and the attack terminates. Southern pine beetles attracted to slash seldom, if ever, produce brood in the slash.

"We see no reason to suggest that logging of pine should not be carried on throughout the year. However, because of the possible bark beetle danger produced by drought we suggest that no cutting operation be started in the midst of a dry period. Also, should an outbreak of bark beetles occur during a logging job, all efforts should be made toward controlling this outbreak, delaying the logging operation until the drought period had terminated.

"You will find further information with reference to these bark beetles in the enclosed Farmers' Bulletin 1586 and Brief E-370.

As requested, we are sending you Technical Note No. 33 of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station."

-- - C. W. Strauss,
Regional Office

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"IMPRESSIONS"

And now comes the concrete table and bench for national forest recreation areas! One had sort of gotten to the point of not being too much surprised at metal furniture in new, modernistic hotels, but, somehow or other, concrete and forest recreation doesn't seem to mix.

But here we are with recommendations to use concrete! Say the engineers -- "they will last much longer; they will do away with heavy maintenance charges when CCC no longer exists and when money is scarce". That's true -- there is probably nothing cheaper in the long run from a dollars and cents standpoint.

But must we have generation after generation of recreation seekers sit under the trees on cold, tombstone-like concrete to eat their hot dogs and sandwiches? And must we let our own forest products rot in the woods because concrete has taken their place? We are still in the timber production business. Shouldn't we use our own product?

I speak a word for that wooden table and chair -- the kind our fathers and grandfathers used. There is warmth and romance in these, but who could find romance in a concrete chair? Do people play and make love in cemeteries? And say, brother -- they still chip corners off of concrete structures!

- - - Joseph C. Kircher,
Regional Forester

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AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

From time to time the DIXIE RANGER has been fortunate in having a contribution signed by George W. Root in Engineering. The greater number of these articles have been "request" numbers. The editor probably has imposed upon Mr. Root in many instances, but no matter how busy he is, he never fails to make a noble response. "Green Timber Lands" in last month's issue was one of these.

With the world torn by war, and men and furnaces and machines working day and night to build weapons of destruction, it is good to turn our thought to the tranquility of "green timber lands" where men walk under blue skies and "neath thick green boughs". At least a great many of our readers thought so, and wanted to know the name of the author. We finally persuaded Mr. Root, whose modesty is genuine and wholesome, that under the circumstances it was hardly fair for him to hide behind anonymity. In response to the call for the author, we hereby reveal his identity.

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"MARCH ON"

News has just come to us that Assistant Forester Charles A. Rowland, Jr., Management Staff Assistant on the Chattahoochee National Forest, was recently ordered to active military duty as a Reserve Officer.

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OUACHITA FOLDER CHALLENGED

Recently the Regional Office circulated copies of a folder on the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas, published and distributed by the Chamber of Commerce at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The folder carried an illustrated map prepared in the Regional Office and showed points of interest throughout the Ouachita National Forest. This folder was sent to all the forests in Region 8 in order to give them an idea for promoting similar map folders in their area. Apparently the folder arrived too late to stimulate action of this kind on the Nantahala National Forest, as that forest had just finished assisting the Franklin, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce in the publication of a folder, illustrated by 27 photographs, 2 maps and a wealth of information on the Nantahala National Forest. Supervisor Melichar's letter transmitting the Nantahala folder is as follows:

"Enclosed is a marked copy of a recently published Franklin folder issued by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce which mentions the National Forest and the U. S. Forest Service twenty-three times. It is believed that this excels the Ouachita effort which mentions National Forests only three times and the U. S. Forest Service not at all.

"An extra copy is enclosed for the Ouachita if you think they wouldn't be ashamed."

No, the Region does not think the Ouachita should be ashamed; in fact we are very proud of both folders and hope that this little competition will stir up a few more folders throughout the Region.

- - Clint Davis,
Regional Office

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For the building of cantonments the Army already has bought nearly two billion board feet of lumber -- to transport this stock pile would require a 400-mile train made up of 100,000 cars.

-- Domestic Commerce Weekly

"FOREST OF DISCOVERY" INCLUDED IN APPROVAL
OF ADDITIONAL NATIONAL FOREST LANDS

Purchase or exchange of 82,068 acres of land for national forest purposes was approved by the National Forest Reservation Commission at its meeting on June 4. At the same time the Commission approved the establishment of a new national forest purchase unit in western Tennessee to be known as the "Forest of Discovery" in commemoration of Hernando DeSoto's arrival at the Mississippi River in 1541. This area is to include 319,000 acres of which 167,700 acres eventually will be acquired. The purchases approved for Region 8 were as follows:

<u>Forest</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Cherokee	7,625.40
Chattahoochee	666.80
Black Warrior	80.02
Talladega	238.04
Sumter	374.00
Apalachicola	79.88
Ocala	379.04
Kisatchie	364.39
Angelina	543.00
Holly Springs	163.26
Ouachita	656.57

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MR. AND MRS. A. L. NELSON HONORED AT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nelson, who are leaving Hot Springs at an early date to reside in Washington, D. C., were honored with a party on Saturday evening, June 14, at the Majestic-Eastman Lodge on Lake Hamilton by the personnel of the Ouachita National Forest.

More than a hundred guests gathered at the Lodge for a buffet supper and an evening of dancing and entertainment. The high-light event of the evening was a mock circus, opened with fanfare of trumpets, with Assistant Supervisor Busch in regalia complete with derby and cane directing the show. The acts included Guy Wilkinson, magician; Ray Brandt, slack rope walker, assisted by Max Brown and Ed Sullivan; Hill-Billy Quartet - Miss Camille Anselberg, Miss Loma Williamson, Mrs. Helen Bowman and Mrs. Mildred Warner; a daring trapeze act by Mrs. Willa Margrave, assisted by Max Brown and Ray Brandt; an harmonious silent band concert directed by Ed Sullivan and including R. L. Bennett, trombone; Max Brown, saxophone; Ed Keene, drums, Ray Brandt, clarinet; and Guy Wilkinson, trumpet.

The grand finale was a lion taming act where Supervisor Nelson, with chair in hand, cracked the whip for the last time over eight roaring Ouachita Mountain Lions, the Forest Rangers. By acclaim this last act took the prize and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were presented with "pieces of eight" to match their silver pattern. Credit for party arrangements and program goes to Miss Rebecca Cato, and T. N. Busch.

In addition to the forest personnel located in Hot Springs, out of town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thorne of Stapp, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Wiley F. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Thomas, Arley O. Harp, Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Thomas, Mr. Vern Taylor, Mr. Frank Mayfield, Miss Virene Ray, Mr. George Cabaniss, Miss Mary Jo Wallace, all of Mena, Arkansas; Mr. Jack Thurner, Mr. Wilson McKnight, Mr. Thomas F. Swofford, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lambert, Mr. Dick Millar, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Hall, all of Paris, Arkansas; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chipman, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Graham, Mr. John M. Lowery of Mt. Ida; Messrs. J. E. Black and R. E. Pidgeon of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Ted Seely and George Ward of Waldron, Arkansas; with Miss Virginia Meyers of Gainesville, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Newcomb of Oden, Arkansas, and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Harris of Russellville, Arkansas.

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-- Ouachita

THE PUBLIC LIKES REALISTIC FIRE BROADCAST

A unique and interesting program recently was broadcast over Station WDAE, Tampa, Florida by the Florida Forest and Park Service.

The program gave in some detail the history and objectives of the Service, with special emphasis on the part radio plays in fire prevention, and thrilled the audience with an actual example of communication by radio. With the statement that the fire fighting trucks were in touch with the dispatcher at all times, the announcer informed his audience that he would call the dispatcher and see "if we can pick him up and show you just how we use the radio." A fire was reported to be in progress and the audience listened in to the call between dispatcher and the truck in action at the fire, and heard the conversation dispatching another truck to help get the fire under control. After the "off and clear" signal, the audience was returned to station WDAE where additional information was given on different phases of forestry. However, before signing off, a call was made to the dispatcher who reported "fire under control".

The entire script for this broadcast is interesting, but the example of radio communication seems especially to appeal to the public, and other forests may be interested in this realistic type of fire prevention program.

THE FAMILY ALBUM

LONG JIM

James Long, Acquisition Assistant on the Ozark, has been with the Forest Service a long time, having put in 16 years service on the "Proserve", as the Arkansas folks designate the Ozark. Jim takes great pride in his work, discusses it at great length and keeps in "condition" by occasionally leaving his sumptuous Russellville office and taking to the hills with compass, chain and log to keep his hand in. He is profoundly devoted to his job and intensely loyal to his boss, Uncle Sam. Several years ago, while working late in the old Ozark office, I heard heated voices emanating from Jim's cubicle. Some old timer was stentoriously blessing out Jim and the whole government "outfit" for having notoriously underappraised his tract of land offered for purchase. Jim's voice raised ringingly in defense and, never losing his dignity or stepping up his measured tempo, he ended the argument with, "The government has arrived at a fair valuation, and furthermore I am not a boy and I have been at this business long enough to know a fair offer when I see one!" The erstwhile prospective vendor shouted "very well, thank you and good day", and Jim answered, "you're welcome, sir, good day to you. Come back to see us!" Unfailing courtesy under duress was my impression.

Jim is long on stories with which he regales you with sober mien and an irrepressible twinkle in his innocent eyes. He loves to tell this one of his early days on the forest.

"One of the natives met me out on the White Rock tramping through some fields on a cold wintry day. Next day when he saw Mr. Koen, he said 'you'd better keep an eye on that new fellow that's working for you. That d-----n fool aint got good sense. I saw him out yesterday working in the snow'."

--- Chigger Pete

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FLORIDA PUTS MOTION PICTURE FILM TO WORK

If "One picture is worth 10,000 words" the Florida National Forests will come in for a tremendous amount of effective publicity as the Supervisor's office at Tallahassee has secured the cooperation of the Florida State Theaters, Incorporated, in showing the Forest Service film "Ocala" in thirty of the leading theaters throughout the State.

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Native American black walnut yields the highest priced timber in the United States. Black walnut logs brought an average price of \$86.21 per thousand board feet for all states, although one purchase at a price in excess of \$200 was reported in the annual summary by the Forest Service on stumpage and log prices.

LIBRARY LINES

The Region 8 Library has recently acquired several outstanding books which are available for borrowing. The following are called to your attention.

PUBLIC MANAGEMENT IN THE NEW DEMOCRACY. Edited by Fritz Morstein Marx. Harper (c.1940) 266 p. \$3.00

This is a readable and stimulating symposium that grew out of a conference sponsored by the undergraduate magazine, the "Harvard Guardian." The articles are grouped in four parts: Part 1. Foundations of public management; Part 2. Essentials of public management; part 3. Recruitment for the public service; Part 4. Conditions of public employment. Luther C. Steward, President of the National Federation of Federal Employees, writes on "Civil Service unionism: a case in point."

BUREAUCRACY CONVICTS ITSELF: THE BALLINGER-PINCHOT CONTROVERSY of 1910, by A. T. Mason. Viking press, 1941. 224 p., illus. \$2.50.

The record of the Glavis-Ballinger case is an important book for government employees and other citizens who are alert to the cause of conservation and democracy. Read Henry Clepper's review in the "Journal of Forestry" for May 1941. The book is illustrated by newspaper cartoons on the case.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, by Ira N. Gabrielson. Macmillan, 1941. 250 p., illus. \$3.50.

Dr. Gabrielson has a definite program for the use and protection of natural resources, and his plan is here.

AN AMERICAN GRAZIER GOES ABROAD, by Marvin Klemme. Deseret news press, Salt Lake City, 1940. 352 p., illus. \$2.50.

A former Forest Service employee describes practices in forestry, range management, pasture development, wildlife and livestock breeding in more than thirty foreign countries. He also comments on present-day customs, government and everyday life of the people whom he visited.

NEW TECHNIQUES FOR SUPERVISORS AND FOREMEN, by Albert Walton. McGraw-Hill, 1940. 233 p. \$2.50.

A "personnel management" book that contains valuable ideas on the psychology of habits; aptitudes; morale and personality.

FORESTRY BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Frequently, library users request the names of books that nieces and nephews and other young friends would enjoy, while at the same time they would become inoculated with "the forestry idea."

KINGDOM OF THE TREES, by Erle Kauffman. Reilly and Lee, 1940. 127 p., illus. \$2.00.

The Old Forester talks to Betty and Ben, in a book attractive in format and large in print.

FORESTRY AND LUMBERING, by Josephine Perry and Celeste A. Slauson. Longmans, 1939. 125 p., illus. (Americans at work series). \$1.50. Forest Service photographs are included. "Factual material simply told."

LUMBER, by P. H. Middlebrook. Whitman publishing co., 1940. 23 p. illus. 10¢.

Forest Service photographs appear also in this small item, which you may purchase at F. W. Woolworth Co. stores.

-- Rachel Lane,
Regional Librarian

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PISGAH HELPS TO ENTERTAIN GARDNERS

The Pisgah National Forest had a prominent part in the annual convention of the National Council of State Garden Clubs which was held in Asheville the last week in May. Of particular interest was the exhibit which featured the Pisgah National Forest. Letters of enthusiastic praise from national officials and from officers of the Garden Club of North Carolina stated that this was the outstanding exhibit at any convention in the history of the Council. Credit for this excellent exhibit should go to Mrs. J. Grady Siler, wife of Improvement Superintendent J. Grady Siler of the Pisgah, and to Regional Office Illustrator Harry Rossoll.

Supervisor Bosworth took part in the meeting of the National Conservation Committee. Some one suggested that his 600-acre Graggy Garden, qualified him as a gardner, but also proved that he didn't do his gardening with a salad fork.

A leaflet on points of interest in the Forest, prepared by the Supervisor's office and the Experiment Station, and a booklet prepared in the Regional Office were distributed at the meeting.

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MORE ABOUT RURAL CARRIERS' COOPERATION IN FIRE DETECTION

A letter from the Washington Office of Fire Control calls attention to the news item in the April issue of the DIXIE RANGER about the cooperation extended by the Post Office Department through rural carriers reporting forest fires.

The letter calls attention to the fact that each year the Division of Fire Control prepares a letter for the signature of the Secretary of Agriculture to the Post Office Department requesting a continuation of this cooperation. This is to remind the field that all instances of rural carriers discovering and reporting fires should at once be transmitted to this office in order that the Washington Office Division of Fire Control may be notified in accordance with existing arrangements between the two departments.

PLANS MADE FOR FALL MEETING OF ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Reporting on the Advisory Council on Human Relations meeting -- held at Asheville, N. C., May 22-24 for the purpose of planning for a larger conference on human aspects of conservation in the South next fall -- Dr. Shea says that four sub-committees were appointed to shape up the program for the fall meeting. The BAE, SCS, FSA, Extension Service, and other bureaus were also represented at the meeting. The major objective of the fall meeting will be to present from both scientific and popular angles the importance of human factors in consideration of natural resources in the Southeastern States. It was decided to avoid a defeatist attitude toward the South as problem area No. 1 and devote the program to a candid statement of the problems, together with practical suggestions for their solution. It was decided that several social scientists would be asked to read papers and conduct symposia on the patterns of living of rural residents in the Southern States. Many such patterns of living are considered major hindrances to programs of conservation.

The proposed conference, Dr. Shea points out, is something new. Its effects are not predictable. It offers the Forest Service, among other things, an opportunity to present in a somewhat new light to the public its work relating to fire prevention and control, rehabilitation, and the social aspects of other problems of land use. The conference also offers the Forest Service an opportunity further to integrate its programs with those of other bureaus in the Department of Agriculture.

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APPROPRIATE ADVERTISING

Asheville Jaycees, like all other C of C groups, are not overlooking any advertising bets. The Asheville Times of May 26 carried a picture of the attention-getting Jaycee.. Information Cabin which was opened on Pack Square May 26 with a special ceremony which featured city, state and county officials.

The unique information booth is a log cabin originally built three generations ago on land now a part of the Pisgah National Forest. The booth has drawn wide favorable comment, as all who saw it considered it appropriate for that mountain section - a sort of preview of what the visitor may see in western North Carolina.

"The Mountain Breeze", Jaycee official publication, says that the cabin was obtained through the efforts of "Jaycee John Squires, who is Assistant Supervisor of Pisgah National

Forest." An appropriate sign carries the following information for the benefit of visitors.

"This log cabin was built three generations ago on land now a part of Pisgah National Forest. Restored to its original condition and erected on Pack Square by C. C. C. Enrollees.

"Of particular interest is the excellent hewing on the large yellow poplar logs, the unusual white ash floor, the old time wooden hinges on the door, the hand rived shakes on the roof, and the cowlick on the end of the logs on the front right hand corner."

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TRUCK DRIVERS AND TIRES

Project Superintendent Walker of Camp F-12 on the Talladega Ranger District reports that a puncture which occurred May 29, 1941 is news. It rates as news because it is the first puncture occurring on stake truck CCC 55-238 since the truck was received new in August, 1940. This truck was driven for 7380 miles by Enrollee Drivers, Warren Smith and Mose Williams while engaged in fire, timber stand improvement, and recreational activities.

Challenge to other Region 8 drivers: Can you beat this record.

- - J. B. Spring,
Alabama National Forests

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HOPKINS NEW CHIEF OF PRIVATE FORESTRY COOPERATION IN U. S. FOREST SERVICE

Howard F. Hopkins, Associate Regional Forester of the California Region has been appointed chief of the Division of Private Forestry Cooperation in the Forest Service. His appointment was effective June 1. The position has been vacant since Gerald D. Cook resigned last October to enter private business.

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION BY RADIO HELD.

W. W. Bergoffen formerly of R-8, now in the Washington Office Division of I&E represented the Forest Service at the 12th Institute for Education by Radio held at Columbus, Ohio, May 4 to 7. He reports that the program was interesting and informative, especially those discussions dealing with agricultural broadcasting and the sessions held for farm editors in radio. It was the consensus of the various farm editors that "The Government radio material is getting better because it is getting more facts and information per

square inch, and unnecessary preambles are being left off." The Institute was attended by representatives from various Government agencies, radio stations throughout the country, and the networks.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

Junior Forester Carroll E. Kingsley has been transferred from the Kisatchie to the Mena District of the Ouachita, where he is assigned to timber sale activities.

Miss Hazel G. Anderson, Senior Stenographer in the Florida Supervisor's office, has tendered her resignation to accept a position with the War Department.

John J. Olson, Junior Forester on the Ouachita, has been transferred to the Nantahala District of the Nantahala, where he is engaged in timber sale work.

Probational appointment has been effected for Frank C. Stone, Jr., in the Regional Division of Operation. He is assigned as Assistant Messenger in the Section of Maintenance.

Resignation has been accepted from Henry A. Fulmer, Junior Clerk-Typist in the Pisgah Supervisor's office, who has accepted another position.

Game Warden John H. Stanley has been transferred from the Cherokee to the Pisgah District of the Pisgah.

Transfer has been effected for Miss Anne Hazlinger, Junior Clerk-Stenographer from the Veterans Administration in Washington. She has been assigned to the Jacksonville District of the NSCP.

Junior Foreman Homer G. McClure on the Oden District of the Ouachita has resigned to accept another position.

Transfer has been effected for Game Warden Charles Spurgeon Edmundson from the Florida to the Hiwassee District of the Cherokee.

Junior Forester William W. Huber has been transferred from the Pisgah to the Chattahoochee where he is assigned as assistant ranger on the Tallulah District.

Under Assistant to Technician Robert E. Flowers on the South Carolina State has tendered his resignation to accept another position.

Probational appointment has been effected for Harold E. Bailey as Assistant Messenger in the Regional Division of Operation.

Joe Y. Guin, Junior Clerk on the Talladega District of the Alabama, has resigned to accept another position.

Assistant to Technician Charles F. Sheets has been promoted to Engineering Aide and transferred from the Tallulah District of the Chattahoochee to the Chattahoochee Supervisor's office.

Minor Assistant to Technician William H. Foster on the South Carolina State has resigned to accept another position.

Transfer has been effected for Junior Forester Bunch A. Nugent from the TVA to the Talladega District of the Alabama, where he is engaged in timber stand improvement activities.

Resignation has been accepted from Under Assistant to Technician Oscar B. McInnis on the Crocket District of the Texas.

MORE PERSONNEL CHANGES:

Just before going to press, notice is received that Forest Supervisor Arthur L. Nelson is being transferred effective July 1 to the Chief's Office in the Division of Timber Management. Forest Supervisor Philip H. Bryan is being transferred from the Ozark to the Ouachita as supervisor effective on the same date. For the present, Assistant Supervisor Hugh S. Redding will be in charge of the Ozark as Acting Forest Supervisor.

District Forest Ranger Guy M. Wilkinson has been promoted to the position of Junior Administrative Assistant and has been transferred to the Ouachita Supervisor's office, where he is assigned as staff assistant on CCC activities.

Junior Forester Harold M. Stratton has been promoted to District Forest Ranger and will succeed Mr. Wilkinson on the Fourche District of the Ouachita.

Effective June 16, Fred C. Henneberger, Acquisition Staff Assistant on the Florida National Forests, was transferred to the Pisgah as District Forest Ranger in charge of the newly established Uharie Ranger District with headquarters at Troy, North Carolina.

THE LOOKOUT

W. R. Hine of the Division of State and Private Forestry and Assistant Regional Forester L. L. Bishop attended a meeting of the Southeastern Regional Planning Commission at the Ansley Hotel on May 5.

A meeting of State and Private Forestry Management Assistants was held in the Regional Office May 19-20.

We note from Washington Office Digest that Donald E. Clark has been appointed Chairman of the Files Committee, succeeding Mr. Eldridge who recently transferred to the Federal Works Agency.

On May 12 a conference was held in the Regional Office with Dr. Buie, Regional Conservator, and Mr. Webb of the Soil Conservation Service to discuss proper procedure in Forest Service cooperation with SCS. Regional Forester Kircher and members of the Divisions of Recreation and Lands and State and Private Forestry attended.

After 40 years of recording rain, wind and sunshine, Owen M. Hadley of the Atlanta Weather Bureau has retired. This is an interesting event for any one, and to the personnel of R-8 especially since Mr. Hadley is the father of two members of our family, Supervisor E. W. Hadley of the Caribbean National Forest and Willard Hadley, Recreation Technician on the Ozark National Forest.

Regional Law Officer Mynatt has returned from an extended detail to the Washington Office.

Among our requests for technical bulletins, statistics and fire figures and fishing dates, it is refreshing now and then to find something a little out of the work-a-day world - such was the case recently when a prospective bridegroom requested that we send to him IMMEDIATELY a booklet on the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests as he was starting his wedding trip on June 21 and wanted to plan his honeymoon in the forests.

L. B. Anderson of Fiscal Control is wearing a broad smile these days and passing out cigars as the proud parent of Mary Beth Anderson, who arrived on June 23. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and may life hold only the good things for Mary Beth.

Dennis Ryan, who a few months ago marched away to join the Army, dropped in to see us recently. This was Dennis' first furlough, and he is most enthusiastic about Army life. "Chow" must be fine as Dennis says he has gained a pound a week in spite of long hours and hard work. It is quite a coincidence that, although having spent several years working for the Forest Service, his first experience in fighting fire was in the Army. Dennis says it is grimy, back-breaking work, too. From peeling spuds, fighting fires and stringing telephone lines, Dennis is now in the Battalion Intelligence Unit and will have a hand in getting out the camp paper "The Plane Cracker".

Recent office visitors were:

A. B. Hastings and Lyall Peterson of the Washington Office
Dr. T. S. Buie, T. W. Webb, Spartanburg, S. C., H. C. Carruth, Athens, Ga., E. N. Cooper, Pearson, Ga., J. C. Blakeney and W. C. Hammerle, State Forest Service, Columbia, S. C., Harry L. Goodrich, Tallahassee, Fla., O. R. Douglass, Tallahassee, Fla., C. A. Gillett, Norfolk, Va., I. F. El-dredge, New Orleans, Albert Morris, Boston Office, Mrs. Ruth H. Yeates, Chief Clerk, NSCP, Jacksonville, Dean Don Weddell, Athens and Miss Mary Hamme of the Washington Office.

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ARKANSAS LEADS THE WAY

The Arkansas State Land-Use Planning Committee in a report recently published and entitled, "An Agricultural Program for Arkansas", leads the way toward better forestry in the State. The interesting report, which recommends an excellent agricultural program, recognizes forestry as one of Arkansas' pressing agricultural problems. It states:

"A comprehensive Forestry program is of particular interest to Arkansas. At present Congress has before it definite recommendations that if enacted into law will make for a well rounded forestry economy. The importance of forests to this State is recognized by this Committee and we recommend certain desirable additions and enlargements or intensification of the present forest program.

"The problem of any forest program, either state or national, should be to produce, in abundance, forest products to meet future needs, and to provide other forest resources in such a way as to create a nationwide forest economy that will help solve problems of rural poverty and unemployment, and create added security and stability for labor families, communities and forest regions. Forestry in Arkansas is next to agriculture in importance. Sixty-five percent of the state, or twenty-two million acres, is considered forest land. Approximately five and a half million acres of this forest land is in farms as wood lots and pastures. The forests as a whole have more than 316,000 people dependent upon them for livelihood, and yield manufactured products worth some \$45,000,000 in an average year, not including any valuation for the benefits derived from recreation, watershed protection or wildlife."

On regulation and acquisition the report says:

"Public Regulations - Contingent upon additional and increased cooperation in forest protection, extension work and other cooperative efforts previously indicated, it is desirable, in the public interest, to prevent any further destruction and over-cutting of our forest lands. They must be kept productive in order to maintain and increase the value of the land itself, and to stabilize the wood-using industry and labor dependent thereon. It is the opinion of this committee that forest destruction has been reduced by education, protection, and demonstration and that these measures should be extended and continued. Some form of forest cutting practice regulation may be necessary and the State should consider the possibility of some form of public control. In any event, the Committee should thoroughly explore how such regulation should function.

"Public Acquisition - Some forest lands in the State, especially in the mountainous areas, are not sufficiently productive to make it feasible or practicable for private owners to manage the forest resources. Public ownership, Federal, State or Community, is recommended for these lands. The objectives of management of public lands should be to protect the watershed and regulate stream flow. These lands should continue in timber production, furnishing other forest resources, such as recreation and wildlife. To carry

out the public acquisition program, increased appropriations are needed for Federal acquisition and adequate financing by the State to take on the management of State forests. The county planning committee in preparing the county land use plans, are recognizing areas in their counties that should remain in forests, in some cases even going so far as to recommend legislation to prohibit the sale of lands in certain areas for small farms. These plans bring the problem to the fore and one of the solutions is for increasing the public purchasing program."

Then follow these definite recommendations:

"Action at the State Level:"

"Services of foresters trained in woodland management should be made available to the farmers through the existing Agricultural Extension Service, the State Forestry Commission or in cooperation between these and other agencies."

"An inexpensive data gathering system should be developed to obtain current information on timber and lumber values and the results should be compiled into a report to be issued semi-monthly or monthly by the Agricultural Marketing Service. If the Agricultural Marketing Service cannot give this information, it should be done through the cooperation of the Extension Forester and State Forester of the Arkansas Forestry Commission."

"Additional legislation should be passed to provide more research and Extension work in locating and developing new and existing market possibilities for forest production. 4/"

"Through the cooperation of the Extension Forester and the State Forester of the Arkansas Forestry Commission, assistance should be given to farmers in establishing and financing forest cooperatives."

"4/ Also requires action at Federal Level."

"A tax system providing for more equitable forest taxation should be established."

"Action at the Federal Level".

"Additional money should be provided to federal and state agencies for cooperative fire, insect, and disease protection of forests, and to provide Extension work for forest land owners including farm holdings. 1/ and 3/"

"It is recommended that a special appropriation be made by Congress for forest conservation and for making payments to farmers for practices to be carried out under the A. A. A. Program. 1/"

"Funds should be made available either by increasing the Clarke-McNary Authorization for contribution to states from \$100,000 to \$500,000 annually or by providing for more adequate financing of the work as authorized under the Norris-Doxey Act."

"Since there is no adequate financing program for owners of forest lands, facilities should be established so that the timber owner can obtain the credit needed to avoid quick liquidation and constant destruction of the earning capacity of the timber lands. 1/"

"Public ownership, federal, state or community, is recommended for those forest lands which are not sufficiently productive to make it feasible or practicable for private owners to manage them. 1/ and 3/"

"Additional federal funds should be provided for the operation and management of the national forests in the Ozark and Ouachita National Forest areas."

"Federal and state research programs should be expanded to provide more information regarding the proper management and protection of the forests, and the effect on flood control. 1/ "

"1/ Also requires Action at State Level"

"3/ Also requires Action at Local Level"

If this program is carried out, forestry will come into its own in Arkansas and that State will lead the way for the South.

-- Joseph C. Kircher
Regional Forester

